

Regular Board template

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 7:00 PM

Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Odyssey of the Mind

IV. Committee Reports

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Personnel

V.A.1. Part Time Teacher Hired for Full Time Position Effective - February 4, 2011

V.A.2. Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence

V.A.3. Sixth Year Salary Credit - Effective February 1, 2011

V.A.4. Coaching Resignation - Effective March 1, 2011

V.A.5. Coaching Appointments

V.A.6. Volunteer Coaching Appointment - Effective March 21, 2011

V.B. Grants

V.B.1. Edgewood School Petit Family Foundation Grant

VI. Public Comment

VII. Deliberated Items

VII.A. Electricity Contract for 7/1/11 to 6/30/2012 and 7/1/12 to 6/30/14

VII.B. High School Graduation Date and End of Year Closing Date

VII.C. New Era Synthetic Football/Soccer Turf Fields at BEHS and BCHS.

VII.D. Cafeteria Budget

VII.E. Policy Revision

VII.E.1. Policy & Regulation #5141.13 Health Examinations for Middle/High School Athletic Participation (Second Presentation)

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Building Committee Reports

XI. INFORMATION

Presenter: Barbara

Doyle

XI.A. Bristol Board of Education Community
Survey

XII. **VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Presenter: Barbara
Doyle

XIII. **RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

Presenter: Barbara
Doyle

XIV. **Adjournment**

Presenter: Barbara
Doyle

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, CT
Regular Meeting – March 2, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners Margaret L. Bonola, Amy D. Coan, Barbara Y. Doyle, Julie M. Luczkow, Thomas O'Brien, Sherry Turcotte, Karen Vibert; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director and Cliff Block, City Council Liaison

EXCUSED: Commissioner Christopher Wilson

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and invited the audience to join her in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Edward Colapinto a custodian at Bristol Central from 1969 to 1990 and Nicolas Maglio a teacher at Stafford and Edgewood Schools from 1973 to 2005.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Commissioner Bonola, seconded by Commissioner Coan it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Regular Meeting and the February 15, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting be approved as written.

Scholastic Art Award Winners

Bristol students at the city's five secondary schools earned 27 awards in the 22nd Annual Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards competition and exhibition at the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford.

Dr. Streifer and Lori Eschner, Citywide Art Department Head, presented each student with a certificate of accomplishment and each student was asked to stand by their artwork that was displayed in the auditorium to be recognized.

Connecticut Regional Scholastics is organized by the Connecticut Art Education Association as part of the National Scholastic Art Awards that was created in 1927 in New York, to honor the "creative excellence" of young artists. Administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, it is now the largest and oldest student competition in the country. Initially works are entered by art teachers — this year an estimated 1,700 works from over 140 schools. Of those, a panel of professionals and university art faculty selected 663 works (including collaborative) and awarded 88 gold portfolios from seniors that qualify for scholarships; 212 gold keys; 155 silver medals and 296 honorable mentions.

Top state award winners and gold key recipients' work is entered in a national competition with a national awards ceremony and exhibition in New York City. The artwork of Anxhela Coba, Amanda Landrette, Dominique Compas, Taylor Washburn, Kayla Krenicki, and Stephanie Michaud will represent Bristol.

Anxhela Coba and Dominique Compas were awarded Special Honors, as well.

The Bristol award winners (teacher, student, category, award) follow:

Bristol Central High School

Leslie Fernandez, **Anxhela Coba**, Drawing, 2, Gold Key, Special Honors: Mystic Art Center, Best in Portraiture Drawing

Leslie Fernandez, **Tiffani Barley**, Painting, 2, Honorable Mention

Michelle Peterson, **Amanda Landrette**, Printmaking, 2, Gold Key

Michelle Peterson, **Martin Rackich-Kelly**, Printmaking, 2, Silver Key

Michelle Peterson, **Oliva Cyr**, Printmaking, 2, Honorable Mention

Michelle Peterson, **Diedra Plourde**, Printmaking, 2, Honorable Mention

Jessica Stifel, **Dominique Campos**, Sculpture, 2, Gold Key, Special Honors: Lyme Academy College of Fine Art, Pre-College Scholarship

Brandon Zanauskas, **Danielle Michaud**, Ceramics and Glass, 2, Honorable Mention

Bristol Eastern High School

Deborah Thaler, **Prianka Naha**, Ceramics and Glass, 2, Silver Key

Deborah Thaler, **Francesca Souza**, Ceramics and Glass, 2, Silver Key

Deborah Thaler, **Samantha Rowe**, Ceramics and Glass, 2, Honorable Mention

Chippens Hill Middle School

Peter Kosciukiewicz, **Jackson Hines**, Drawing, 1, Silver Key

Peter Kosciukiewicz, **Allisa Fournier**, Drawing, 1, Honorable Mention

Peter Kosciukiewicz, **Stephanie Michaud**, Painting, 1, Gold Key

Honorata Szymczyk, **Michael Lauretti**, Printmaking, 1, Silver Key

Brian Troccoli, **Sharon Adkins**, Painting, 1, Honorable Mention

Memorial Boulevard Middle School

Joseph Johnson, **Tiffany LaBarre**, Drawing, 1, Silver Key

Joseph Johnson, **Taylor Washburn**, Printmaking, 1, Gold Key

Joseph Johnson, **Anya Borowy**, Printmaking, 1, Silver Key

Joseph Johnson, **Kaitlynn Zukowski**, Printmaking, 1, Silver Key

Mary Kilduff, **Kayla Krenicki**, Painting, 1, Gold Key

Mary Kilduff, **Amber Ouellette**, Painting, 1, Silver Key

Mary Kilduff, **John Buonfiglio**, Painting, 1, Honorable Mention

Mary Kilduff, **Paige Daly**, Painting, 1, Honorable Mention

Northeast Middle School

Allison Chatelle, **Bailey Connelly**, Printmaking, 1, Honorable Mention

Allison Chatelle, **Gianna D'Amato**, Printmaking, 1, Honorable Mention

Sarah May, **Laura Morrison**, Printmaking, 1, Honorable Mention

Dr. Streifer acknowledged all of the art teachers for their hard work and commitment to our students.

Chairman Doyle invited the audience to leave if they did not wish to sit through the remainder of the regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Student Achievement Committee

Commissioner Luczkow reported that the committee met on February 18, 2011. The committee approved a waiver of the Electronics Device policy to allow the use of music only electronic devices such as iPods and MP3 players during study halls at BEHS. Previously, BCHS was granted a waiver of the Electronics Devices policy for this reason. This policy waiver will be reviewed by the committee at the end of the **Student Achievement Committee – con't**

school year. The committee reviewed two policies – the Field Trip policy and the Medical Examination-Athletics – and these two policies are on the agenda tonight for a first reading.

Finance Committee

Commissioner O'Brien reported that the committee met and approved a preliminary budget for Fiscal year 2011-2012. The budget will appear later on the agenda for full Board approval.

Communications/Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Vibert reported that the committee met on February 17, 2011. The committee went over the survey results that they had received. The response was a little disappointing with on 454 respondents. Based on the survey feedback, the committee will be looking into more tutoring options for our students. The committee also discussed the spring newsletter; Commissioner Doyle suggested that it be distributed to all Committee Chairs in the city. Powerschool is being well utilized, over 300 parents access the site per day.

CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL:

Supervisor Retirement – Effective July 1, 2011

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Supervisor Retirement:
Kathleen Bourgault – BOE – Supervisor of Special Services***

Teacher Resignations

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following Teacher Resignations:
Kristen Russo – Staff – .5 Music – Effective January 21, 2011
John Valus – BEHS – Family & Consumer Science – Effective February 14, 2011***

New Teacher Hired - Effective January 24, 2011

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following New Teacher Hire:
Cara Persico – BEHS – .5 English***

Coaching Resignations

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following Coaching Resignations:

***Aram Bolduc – Head Girls Tennis Coach – BCHS– Eff.: 2/8/11
Michael Greene – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach – BEHS, eff.: 12/30/10
David Luchina – Baseball Coach – NEMS, eff.: 1/4/11
Robert Rottler – Head Cross Country Coach – BEHS, eff.: 12/30/10***

Coaching Appointment - Effective January 20, 2011

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Coaching Appointment:
William Emmert – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach – BEHS***

Volunteer Coaching Appointments

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments:
Lauren Anthony – Girls Basketball Program – BCHS, eff.: 12/20/10
Scott Curtin – Boys Basketball Program – NEMS, eff.: 12/15/10
Michael Glowa – Football Program – BCHS, eff.: 11/22/10
Kathryn Scalia – Girls Basketball Program – BEHS, eff.: 12/21/10***

Grants

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Grants:
21st Century Grant – Sustainability Account
Open Choice Grant – July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
School Readiness Grant***

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the Board.

DELIBERATED ITEMS

Preliminary Calendars for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 School Years (*Second Presentation*)

Commissioners were provided calendars that showed the district starting school before and after Labor Day. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of both start dates, alternatives to the district's current vacation schedule and what the district plans are should we have another snow day since we have used the allotted seven (7) snow days. This topic was tabled until Executive Session due to the Personnel issues involved.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bonola it was

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Preliminary Calendars for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 School Years with an after Labor Day start date.

Chairman Doyle declared the motion **FAILED**, after a roll call vote of three (3) commissioners in favor of the motion, and four (4), Commissioners Coan, Vibert, Doyle and Turcotte opposed.

On motion of Commissioner Vibert, seconded by Commissioner Coan it was

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Preliminary Calendars for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 School Years with a before Labor Day start date.

Chairman Doyle declared the motion **PASSED**, after a roll call vote of four (4) commissioners in favor of the motion, and three (3) Commissioners, Bonola, Luczkow and O'Brien opposed.

Preliminary Calendars for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 School Years (*Second Presentation*) – con't

Dr. Streifer suggested that we revisit this topic later in the spring to discuss any possible changes to the vacation schedules.

Recommended Board of Education Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Dr. Streifer presented the Board of Education Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. The Board of Education Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full Board for consideration, the Administration's operating budget request for 2011-12 of \$107,565,578 at its February 15th meeting. The \$5,002,248 increase over the current year 2010-11 budget of \$102,563,330 represents a 4.88% increase which will be offset by a federal jobs grant of \$2,436,732, reducing the percentage increase to 2.5% over the 2010-11 fiscal year.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Recommended Board of Education Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$107,565,578.

Vote to Return Clarence A. Bingham back to the City of Bristol

At the February 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting, Commissioners voted to approve the closure of Clarence A. Bingham School effective July 1, 2010. This evening the Board of Education will vote to return the building to the City of Bristol.

On motion of Commissioner Turcotte, seconded by Commissioner Coan it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Bristol Board of Education return the Clarence A. Bingham School Building back to the City of Bristol and transfer the remaining funds to maintain the building through June 30, 2011 to the City.

Policy Revisions

Policy and Regulation 5141.31 - Health Examination for Middle/High School Athletic Participation (First Presentation)

Changes in State legislation regarding a mandatory Concussion Screening Program are incorporated into this policy. Further, students will now complete a single physical form for school and athletic requirements. The Athletic physical will still be required every 13 months.

This policy will appear on the April Board of Education meeting agenda for a Second Reading.

Policy and Regulation 6153 - Field Trip (First Presentation)

There has been an ongoing Field Trip Policy and Regulations revision. Key revisions include information about trips organized independently of the Bristol Schools and information about Ski Clubs.

This policy will appear on the April Board of Education meeting agenda for a Second Reading.

Attorney Thomas Mooney has looked at the policy and most changes are based on his recommendations.

Superintendent Report

Staff Award Program

Dr. Moreau presented the 2010-2011 Staff Award Program. Each year, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools formally recognizes staff and community member contributions to the school

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district. This program recognizes staff that has performed their work in a truly outstanding manner and have gone well beyond what is expected of them in the normal fulfillment of their position. Additionally, nominations are sought to recognize a member the community whose contributions to and efforts on behalf of the school system have been truly outstanding. Award recipients will be honored at a dinner in May.

Enrollment Update

Dennis Bieu presented the quarterly enrollment update. The Elementary numbers are relatively stable, there is a slight increase from the October 1 Report. Middle school enrollment is down 37 students and High school enrollment is down by 50 since the October 1. District wide there is a difference of 26 students from last year at this time. Questions followed regarding the elevated number of sophomores in the system.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

Building Committee Reports

Forestville School Committee

Commissioner O'Brien reported that the Starlite Market is gone. Work has started at the site, utilities are being moved and temporary parking is being established. Commissioner O'Brien also wanted to mention that there is a misconception that only certain students will be affected when it is time to start redistricting. Ultimately, he believes that the entire district will be affected, when they start moving district lines. The public should be made aware as soon as possible, that every school in the city will most likely be impacted. Dr. Streifer added we are in the process of hiring a consultant. Following all that went into the closing of Bingham, a consultant was needed to take on such a large project as this.

West Bristol School Committee

In the absence of Commissioner Wilson, Dr. Moreau reported that the committee met on February 15, 2011. At the site there are large mounds of topsoil that has been removed, footings have been put in for Area A (the building has three Areas - A, B and C). Once that is done, they will bring in steel. There is a nice crew at the site, and they are working incredibly hard, in significant conditions to ensure that we are on schedule, and will be able to open in August of 2012. To add to Commissioners O'Brien's report, they met with the staff at Greene Hills to discuss teacher parking and the drop off area for students now that the Starlite Market is gone.

INFORMATION

There was no Information to come before the Board.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board and

On motion of Commissioner Turcotte and seconded by Commissioner Vibert it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student expulsions and negotiations with various bargaining units regarding changing the calendar (8:08 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners Margaret L. Bonola, Amy D. Coan, Barbara Y. Doyle, Julie M. Luczkow, Thomas O'Brien, Sherry Turcotte, Karen Vibert; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director and Cliff Block, City Council Liaison, Director, Denise Carabetta, Director of the Office of Teaching and Learning and Kim Hapken, Director of Special Services.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Christopher Wilson

The Board of Education convened into Executive Session and the meeting was called to order. *(8:20 p.m.)*

Student Expulsions

A review of student expulsions was conducted.

BESA

A BESA negotiations update was given.

Preliminary Calendars for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 School Years (Second Presentation)

An update was given, followed by a discussion of potential impact on personnel if April vacation is shortened.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Commissioner Coan seconded by Commissioner Bonola it was unanimously

VOTED: The Board of Education reconvene into Public Session to vote on any items discussed in Executive Session. (9:30 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Turcotte seconded by Commissioner Vibert it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned (9:30 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan P. Everett

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Bristol Board of Education